

Minutes of the health promotion section meeting in Brussels

Friday Nov 16th 2013, 12.00-12.45

15 members participated.

Top 1: Information

Christiane informed about the EUPHA report, the new ways to organize the European Conferences and the activities to increase the visibility of sections.

Top 2: Appointment of a section president and nomination as vice-president

Christiane and Thomas informed about the responsibilities of section presidents as well as about the section rules for the elections. We explained the rules for the election. All members had been asked prior to the meeting to propose nominations for presidency of our section via email. We received no concrete nominations; only one suggestion for the current presidents to continue. During the meeting those present were also asked to propose candidates incl. themselves. There were none but one suggestion from one member that the current president and vice-president would serve another term; and they indicated they would be willing to do so. Members were asked if anyone would prefer anonymous voting. This was not the case. The voting was called for and all members present voted for a continuation of the current president and vice-president who usually work as a team. Thomas and Christiane accepted.

In connection with the election the idea of forming a steering committee to support the work of the presidents was also discussed. It was decided that ideas for this should be collected through the mailman system in preparation of the next section meeting in Glasgow.

Top 3: Section workshops and cooperation with other sections

We discussed possible new topical areas that might be address in next year's section workshop. The following issue/topical areas came up:

A) New technologies in HP (social media, mobile devices etc.): this topical area might include

- Health literacy
- Cost effectiveness, efficiency

B) Policy Priority Setting: the role of evidence

C) Context matters: continue with the workshop 2013 and perhaps include issues around “new technologies” (see above)

Due to time restrictions this top could not be finished and it was decided to continue collecting ideas for next year’s workshop through the mailman system.

Top 4: Other matters

There was a suggestion from the members to use our member data bank to link up among single members with common interests to exchange ideas etc. As the current data bank does not include information on individual’s fields of interests etc. this is not yet possible. The suggestion was made that the data bank should be revised and expanded accordingly and made available to paying members only. Thomas suggested the section chairs to contact the head quarter office for this idea.